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1. GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1977 HAVE
BEEN OFFICIALLY GAZETTED. BOTH REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PERCENT;
AND THERE WILL BE A DEFICIT SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THAT
PROJECTED FOR 1976. TOTAL REVENUES ARE EXPECTED TO BE
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BAHRAINI DINARS (BD) 235.5 (\$588 MILLION) AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES
ARE ESTIMATED AT BD 249.5 (\$623 MILLION). LITTLE INDUSTRIAL
INVESTMENT IS PLANNED AND THE GOB INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO
EMPHASIZE INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS, SEWERAGE AND ELECTRICITY)
AS WELL AS SOCIAL WELFARE (HOUSING, EDUCATION AND HEALTH).
OIL AND "DONATIONS AND LOANS FROM FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS"
CONSTITUTE THE MAIN SOURCES OF REVENUE.

2. MAIN SOURCES OF REVENUE: (A) REVENUE FROM BAHRAIN OIL FIELDS, BD 79 MILLION (\$197 MILLION); (B) REVENUE FROM ABU SAFA FIELD (SHARED WITH SAUDI ARABIA), BD 70.6 MILLION (\$176 MILLION); (C) DONATIONS AND LOANS FROM FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS, BD 41 MILLION (\$102 MILLION); (D) GOVERNMENT FEES AND SERVICES, BD 40 MILLION (\$100 MILLION).

3. MAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE: (A) ONGOING AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, BD 138.5 MILLION (\$346 MILLION); (B) RECURRING EXPENSES, BD 111 MILLION (\$277 MILLION). AREAS UNDER ONGOING AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT FUNDS ARE: (A) PUBLIC HOUSING, BD 42.3 MILLION (\$105 MILLION); (B) WATER AND ELECTRICITY, BD 31.8 MILLION (\$79 MILLION); (C) SEWERAGE, BD 13.5 MILLION (\$33 MILLION); (D) PORT EXPANSION, BD 13 MILLION (\$32 MILLION); (E) ROADS AND BRIDGES, BD 8.5 MILLION (\$21 MILLION); (F) PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS, BD 8.5 MILLION (\$21 MILLION). ALMOST ALL THESE FIGURES REPRESENT A DOUBLING OF EXPENDITURES OVER THE 1976 BUDGET.

4. ALLOCATIONS FOR BOTH THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR, BD 14 MILLION (\$35 MILLION) AND DEFENCE, BD 11.3 MILLION (\$28 MILLION) REFLECT AVERAGE INCREASES (ABOUT THIRTY PERCENT) OVER LAST YEAR AND PROJECT NO MAJOR PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT OF ARMS.

5. "FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS": READ SAUDI ARABIA AND ABU DHABI.

6. COMMENT: THE BUDGET ESTIMATES REFLECT ACCURATELY, WE UNCLASSIFIED

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THINK, THE GOB'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRIORITIES: NO MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, NO MAJOR ARMS PURCHASES, CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE, IMPORTANTLY EMPHASIZING HOUSING FOR MIDDLE AND LOW INCOME BAHRAINIS AND STATE-WIDE SEWERAGE AND DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS. CLUVERIUS

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